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PASSAIC COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ADMINISTER NALOXONE IN PATERSON ON FEBRUARY 20, 2017

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Deputy Chief Troy Oswald announce that law enforcement officers in Passaic County administered Naloxone to one subject on February 20, 2017. Naloxone is a medicine administered by way of a spray into the subject's nostrils to counteract an opioid overdose.

Paterson police officers deployed Naloxone at 1:28 p.m. to a homeless 20 year old male. When officers arrived at the location, the subject was observed to be unresponsive, not breathing and displaying blue lips. Officers administered one dose of Naloxone and the subject became responsive and alert. Care of the subject was transferred to local emergency medical services.

Since 2014, members of law enforcement in Passaic County have received training in the administration of Naloxone to respond to suspected opiate overdoses. This incident is the twenty-first (21st) Naloxone deployment in Passaic County in 2017.